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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, please amend the Application and consider the Remarks as set forth below.

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.  
Remarks begin on page 5 of this Reply.

A three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Reply.